

CHANCE TAKERS.

A practical railway man, F. P. Roesch by name, and master mechanic of a southwestern railroad by occupation, advances a new reason for the many accidents on American railways. Mr. Roesch says it is summed up in two words—"chance takers." In a speech before the Railway Surgeons' association this western master mechanic declared that the only way to do away with railroad accidents is to eliminate the "chance takers," says Indianapolis Star. His position is well taken, and his terse description of a vital reason why railroads of this country kill so many people is rather startling. When one comes down to the only phase of railroad operation that so far has been beyond absolute control, Mr. Roesch says the element of human fallibility stands out as the primary cause in 99 out of every 100 cases. This view of the matter, while not questioned, is rather out of the usual in summing up causes for accidents on railways. The American people are the greatest chance takers on earth. They not only take chances in making money—the gambler's chance—but they take chances in politics, education and in social life, and they risk their lives daily without the quiver of an eyelash merely to get somewhere quickly. Automobile racing is condemned in some quarters because of the great danger; football comes under the same ban; marathon racing is risky, as are prize fighting, polo and numerous other sports.

Though some of the Germans are stirred up, nobody else in Europe seems to be unduly excited over Emperor William's affirmation of the divine right of sovereignty. It is recalled that he has said something to the same effect before. But it is also remembered that constitutionalism and liberal government have gone right along. Even Russia, where absolutism appeared to have such a hold, has seen the creation of a Duma or parliament which affords the people a measure of representation. Then there are Turkey and Persia, both formerly in the grip of despotism, now enjoying progressive rule and constitutional privileges. And Germany itself has some constitutional guarantees that the emperor would not think of molesting.

Prof. William L. Garner says that Susie smiles on him. Susie is a little chimpanzee, not the one who lived and loved in a coconut tree, but the one the professor recently kidnapped from her home in Africa. The savant maintains that Susie's smile proves her kinship with humanity. Before accepting this statement at its face value the public is entitled to know whether the young African wrinkles her nose when she chortles. She is only seven months old and falling this corroborative evidence, it is fair to assume that she may simply be suffering from colic and in need of a little catnip tea.

A feature of the census returns that surprises many is the population growth of the east as compared to that of the west. Despite the tremendous development of the west and the great number that have sought homes in that section, the east is showing up gains almost as great, and even greater when considered in proportion to the respective territorial areas. According to present indications the center of population will not move a great distance westward and will still be at some point in Indiana.

The young woman in New York who shot herself because she did not make an expected literary success, now wants to live and try again. She ought to succeed. In these sensation-loving days, she has secured quite an advertisement for her work. Courtship reputation at the cannon's mouth is a well-known operation, but it is sometimes new to woo literary success at the pistol's point.

Oshkosh, Kokomo, Kalamazoo, Oconomowoc and Hackensack have all made remarkable gains in population. Now, who says there's no advertising in paragraphic publicity?

Montana census enumerators are under arrest for padding their returns. And yet we are told that figures will not lie.

There was a time when people had no thermometers. When two or three got together and decided that the weather was hot that settled it.

After a man has reached the age of seventy he doesn't think much of the idea that there is no fool like an old fool.

That insect menagerie in Paris should be a good thing. At least it would be enjoyable to see man-eat-

# FOREST FIRE DEAD MAY NUMBER 200

SCORES OF BURNED BODIES ARE FOUND IN WAKE OF MINNESOTA BLAZE.

## FIVE TOWNS ARE IN ASHES

Thousands of Destitute Settlers Flee From Stricken Districts on Trains—Hurricane Scatters Flames, Sweeping All Before It.

Warroad, Minn.—The greatest catastrophe that Minnesota has experienced since the Hinckley fire 15 years ago occurred Friday and Saturday, when the whole Minnesota-Manitoba boundary country was swept by fire, and, as details become known, the disaster assumes appalling proportions.

The number of deaths is estimated at from 100 to 200, almost entirely among settlers in the woods around the towns of Beaudette, Pitt, Roosevelt and Grace. Very few of the settlers are known to have escaped, and this estimate may fall far short of the actual number.

People Are Panic Stricken. Wagonloads of human bodies are being brought into the railway station at Beaudette constantly.

Scenes of horror are reported from every point. Streets of towns were strewn with personal belongings that were thrown away in the flight. Crowds of able-bodied men, mostly workmen, ran pell-mell to board the waiting train at Beaudette, to the exclusion of women and children, and refused positively to assist in saving property.

## DEITZ SURRENDERS SELF

The Wounded Lumberman, Through Priest, Makes Peace for Wife's Safety—Deputy Is Killed.

Winter, Wis.—John F. Deitz, the embattled lumberman of Thornapple river, capitulated to the law and as part of the terms of that surrender the little 80-acre farm at Cameron Dam, over which for six years Deitz has ruled with all the independence of an absolute monarch, comes again under the sway of the state of Wisconsin.

Deitz yielded to superior forces, after having been under fire continuously for seven hours. He had killed one of his besiegers and wounded another and had himself been shot through the hand.

It was not his own wound, however, which prompted him to sue for peace. It was the fact, whispered to the Catholic priest who conducted the negotiations, that his wife was about to become a mother.

But for that the battle might have gone forward to a finish, with no quarter on either side until all of the Deitzes and a large number of his attackers had been killed or wounded.

## WARNED OF TAFT PLOT

Stranger Threatens President's Aunt If She Reveals Story He Told—Thought to Be a Crank.

Missbury, Mass.—An alleged scheme for the assassination of President Taft was unfolded to Miss Della C. Torrey, aunt of the president, by a stranger who called at her home. The man, who refused to give his name, claimed to have overheard the plotters while in Boston. As he departed he threatened to return and kill Miss Torrey if the matter got into the newspapers.

Beverly, Mass.—The secret service men regard Miss Torrey's visitor as a crank, and the fact that he is still at large is sufficient reason for them to keep a sharp lookout around Burgess Point.

## GREECE RECALLS ENVOY

Situation Between Turkey and That Country Acute—Four Powers May Intervene.

Athens, Greece.—The situation between Greece and Turkey became acute through the recall of the Greek minister to Turkey. Persistent aggressions by Turkey against Greece are given as the cause of the recall.

The general belief is that relations between the two countries will become so warlike that the four "protecting powers" of Greece will have to intervene.

## Held as Slayers of Girl

Dallas, Tex.—Joe Zaby and Frank Conna were held without bond on a charge of murder, being accused of a black-hand plot here, in which Caroline Blonson was shot to death and her father seriously wounded.

## Must Hang for Relative's Death

Lincoln, Neb.—The supreme court has overruled the appeal of Bert M. Taylor and sentenced him to be hanged in the state penitentiary, October 24. Taylor beat his sister-in-



Try the Silent Treatment on Him; Put a Little More Paregoric in His Nursing Bottle.

## ENGLISH PROTECT MANUEL

PORTUGUESE KING AND MOTHER ARE AT GIBRALTAR.

Young Monarch's Attentions to Parisian Actress Said to Have Started Revolution.

Gibraltar, Spain.—King Manuel of Portugal is now under English protection.

The Portuguese royal yacht Amelle, having on board the king and the queenmother, the dowager queen, and the Duke of Oporto, is in this harbor.

The king and the queen mother came ashore and drove to the summer residence of the governor, Sir Frederick Forester Walker, at Europa Point.

Judging from the appearance of the crew that commanded the Amelle, they were gotten together hurriedly. It is stated that the queen mother would proceed to Italy.

The English cruiser Minerva arrived here to re-enforce the cruiser Newcastle, which reached the port while the fighting was still in progress.

After receiving notification of the establishment of a new government at Lisbon, the British minister, Sir Francis P. Villiers, requested an audience of Foreign Minister Machado.

The provisional government is composed as follows:

Minister of Justice—Alfonso Costa. Minister of Foreign Affairs—Bernardino Machado.

Minister of Finance—Brasillo Telles. Minister of Public Works—Antonio Luiz Gomes.

Manuel's attentions to Gaby Deslys, the Paris actress, who admits she is King Manuel's mistress, are said to have cost the young king his throne. She has been the recipient of many valuable presents from her royal admirer. Probably the most expensive gift ever made to her by Manuel was a pearl necklace, which is said to be worth nearly \$500,000. She is known as Portugal's "uncrowned queen."

## DANVILLE MINERS SAVED

Hartshorn's Pit Takes Fire and Work of Saving Men Is Quickly Completed.

Danville, Ill.—One hundred and fifty miners were rescued from the Hartshorn's mine after the pit had taken fire. Flames broke out in the lower level and the work of saving the men was begun immediately upon discovery of the fire.

Those working on the first level were taken out first. The rescues were accompanied with little excitement, as it was known the mine was fireproof and loss of life was not expected.

## CLEMINSON GETS A STAY

Chicago Doctor, Convicted of Wife Murder, Resisted From Prison, Pending Appeal of Case.

Springfield, Ill.—A supersedeas granting a stay of execution in the case of Dr. Haldane Cleminson, under sentence of life imprisonment for the murder of his wife at Chicago, was granted by the Illinois supreme court.

Under the writ the physician can not be sent to prison until after the supreme court has passed on the verdict of the lower court. Cleminson's appeal was filed some time ago.

## Dynamite Witness Held

Los Angeles, Cal.—Albert Hoffman, arrested in Yuma at the instance of the Los Angeles police, is declared by the police to be an important witness in the Los Angeles Times dynamiting case.

## La Follette Is Better

Rochester, Minn.—Senator La Follette had another good night and was in excellent spirits. The senator has shown continued improvement since the operation and his recovery is

## RACES FOR THE PENNANTS

Club	Won	Lost	Pct.
Chicago	101	48	.678
New York	90	61	.596
Pittsburgh	88	67	.562
Philadelphia	76	74	.507
Cincinnati	75	79	.487
Brooklyn	64	88	.421
St. Louis	61	87	.412
Boston	51	100	.338

Club	Won	Lost	Pct.
Philadelphia	102	48	.680
New York	88	63	.583
Detroit	85	68	.558
Boston	84	72	.539
Cleveland	71	81	.467
Chicago	68	86	.444
Washington	66	85	.437
St. Louis	47	106	.307

## ACCUSED MEN REFUSE AID

MOTORMAN AND CONDUCTOR HELD FOR COLLISION.

Criminal Negligence Charged Against Them on Account of Horrible Interurban Wreck.

Stanton, Ill.—Motorman Lierman and Conductor Leonard, who were in charge of the local car which collided with a limited near this city on the McKinley system, Tuesday afternoon, causing the death of 36 persons and the injury of 27, were arraigned here and held in \$2,000 bonds on a charge of criminal negligence.

The men refused to leave the jail, even when friends at Springfield had raised money for their release on bond. Although there was no demonstration of any nature against the men, they said they preferred to remain in jail. They were so shocked and dazed when arraigned that friends had to coach them to say "not guilty" after the charge was read.

Chairman Berry, of the Illinois board of railroad and warehouse commissioners, has announced that the board will conduct an independent investigation of the wreck and its causes.

Stanton, which went into mourning Tuesday night, has resumed its normal life. Stanton is a division point on the Illinois Traction system and when the wreck occurred almost within its limits, the town, without official order or action, closed its places of amusement out of respect to the dead.

## JUSTICE MOODY RESIGNS

Associate Judge Sends Resignation to President to Take Effect Nov. 20—Ill Health Is Cause.

Beverly, Mass.—President Taft received a letter from Justice William H. Moody announcing he will resign from the supreme court November 20 next.

Justice Moody told the president early in the summer he would retire this fall if ill health still prevented him from resuming his seat on the bench. The justice is crippled with rheumatism and has given up all hope of being able to occupy his seat on the bench before the Standard Oil and tobacco trust cases come up for reargument.

## Congressman's Cashier Indicted

Chicago, Ill.—Frank H. Harding, cashier of the William J. Moxley company, incorporated, manufacturers of butterine, was indicted on a charge of perjury by the federal grand jury. Congress William J. Moxley, a close political associate of Senator Lorimer, is head of the concern.

## Huge Real Estate Deal

Pittsburg, Pa.—Josiah V. Thompson of Uniontown has disposed of the entire coal and oil holdings in this state and in West Virginia, to the Standard Oil company. The sum of \$55,000,000 is involved in the deal.

## Cotton Brokers Are Indicted

Aberdeen, Miss.—Indictments were returned charging J. H. Miller, L. C. Steele and M. G. Lingo, members of the firm of Steele, Miller & Co., of Corinth, Miss., with having misused the mails in defraud.

# TAYLOR IS NAMED TO END PARTY ROW

"FIDDLING BOB" TO KEEP TOGETHER UNLESS ELECTED GOVERNOR OF TENNESSEE.

## IN INTEREST OF HARMONY

Taft and Tariff Indorsed in Bay State and Michigan G. O. P. Sessions—Gov. Draper Named for Third Term in Massachusetts.

Nashville, Tenn.—United States Senator Robert L. Taylor, three times governor of Tennessee, and whose term in the United States senate does not expire until 1912, was nominated for governor by the regular Democratic convention.

Governor M. R. Patterson was nominated several months ago to succeed himself, but the nomination caused a split in the party and he withdrew from the race, hoping thereby to unite the party.

It was in the interest of harmony that Senator Taylor was nominated. He accepted the nomination, but said he would not retire from the senate unless elected governor.

Senator Taylor will be opposed by Capt. B. W. Hooper, the Republican nominee. Many independent Democrats are pledged to the support of Hooper. The convention declared that the temperance question should not be an issue in the campaign.

## Michigan G. O. P. Harmonious.

Detroit, Mich.—Peace reigned on the floor of the Republican state convention, and the internecine strife that had been expected by many did not develop, unless it appeared in carefully guarded committee rooms.

A platform, calculated not to arouse the ire of either organization, regulars or insurgents, was adopted. President Taft's administration was commended, the Payne tariff bill tacitly indorsed as the best measure obtainable without the aid of a much-needed tariff commission; congress was congratulated for the many beneficial measures enacted, and state issues were handled in a manner that seemed to please the antagonists in the bitter pre-primary campaign.

The only contest on the floor was that for the nomination for attorney general, which was won by Franz Kuhn, the incumbent, against four competitors.

## Draper Named for Third Term.

Boston, Mass.—Precedent ruled the Republican state convention in Boston, and Governor Eben S. Draper was named by acclamation for a third term. It has been many years since a Republican governor has been re-elected a third nomination in this state.

All other state officers selected were renominated with the same unanimity.

## Mansfield Is Chosen.

Boston, Mass.—Frederick W. Mansfield of Boston was nominated by the delegates to the Democratic state convention. The nomination was by acclamation.

## STANDARD CUTS OIL PRICE

Reductions Made in Europe and the Far East in Campaign to Increase Use of Kerosene.

New York, J. I. C. Clarke, through whom the Standard Oil company makes its official announcements to the public, has issued a statement to the effect that the company has entered on a thoroughly mapped out campaign to increase the consumption of kerosene in European countries and the lands of the Orient. The first move in this campaign is the reduction of the prices of oil in those countries. Mr. Clarke's announcement says in part:

"The Standard Oil company has inaugurated a campaign to increase the world's consumption of refined oil. The level of prices for refined oil today in the United States is lower than at any time during recent years, and as a direct result of these prices the consumption of refined oil in this country is increasing. The same policy is now being actively pursued abroad."

As indicated by this statement, the Standard company began trying out the policy of lower prices in the United States, though without announcing that it had in view a campaign that would cover the world. In August the price of refined oil in tanks was reduced from 6 1/2 to 5 1/2 cents a gallon, and the price of refined oil in barrels at the refinery was cut 1 cent, from 9 1/2 to 8 1/2 cents a gallon.

## Can of Dynamite Lost

Joliet, Ill.—Great alarm is felt at a number of points in Illinois through the disappearance of a can of dynamite believed to have been accidentally loaded on a coal car at a mine in the Springfield district.

## Bank Cashier Gets 20 Years

Auburn, N. Y.—In United States court here J. Howard Lowery, the defaulting assistant cashier of the Utica National City bank, pleaded guilty. Judge Ray sentenced him to 20 years in the federal penitentiary.

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## SOLAR PLEXUS BLOW.



Cholly Soft—May Law have just one-aw-good-night kiss? Miss Wise—Why, certainly, you poor, dear boy! How you must miss your nurse when you are away from home!

## His Inalienable Right.

When Willie goes to school next week he will have a new teacher. The new teacher will like Willie, when she begins to know him, but the process may take several terms. Willie's teacher began to like him just before the close of the school year, and she testified to her affection by offering him a pocketknife. "There, Willie," she said, "you have tried so hard to be a good boy that I am going to give you this nice four-bladed pocketknife—but you must promise me never to cut the school furniture with it." "Take it back, teacher," said Willie, sadly.—Cleveland Plaindealer.

## DAME NATURE HINTS

When the Food Is Not Sulted.

When Nature gives her signal that something is wrong it is generally with the food. The old Dame is always faithful and one should act at once. To put off the change is to risk that which may be irreparable. An Arizona man says: "For years I could not safely eat any breakfast. I tried various kinds of breakfast food, but they were all soft, starchy messes which gave me distressing headaches. I drank strong coffee, too, which appeared to benefit me at the time, but added to the headaches afterwards. Toast and coffee were no better, for I found the toast very constipating. "A friend persuaded me to quit the old coffee and the starchy breakfast foods, and use Postum and Grape-Nuts instead. I shall never regret taking his advice. I began using them three months ago. "The change they have worked in me is wonderful. I now have no more of the distressing sensations in my stomach after eating, and I never have headaches. I have gained 12 pounds in weight and feel better in every way. "Grape-Nuts make a delicious as well as a nutritious dish, and I find that Postum is easily digested and never produces dyspepsia symptoms. "There's a Reason!" Get the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs.

Ever read the above letter? A man who appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.